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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 07.21.24 Pulpit Curriculum

The Blessing of Unity

Main Passage: Psalm 133

God has given us unity, and we must be careful to maintain it well.

1) **Unity is Good and Pleasant** (v. 1) *“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”*

[John 17:20-21, Gal. 3:28; Eph. 4:1-6; Eph. 3:10; Psalm 37:4; John 14:16; Acts:4:32]

- Psalm 133 is one of the songs of ascent (15 of them that range from Psalm 120-134) that was sang among the people of Israel.
- Unity is crucially important among God’s people; His reputation hinges upon how His children live with one another and reflect Christ and His love to the world.

A. Have you engaged in relationships within the local church long enough for the “good” to become “pleasant?” Share an example of how a particular intimate Christian friendship has impacted your life.

B. What counterfeit(s) of the goodness of true unity have you been tempted to settle for instead of unity/community with brothers and sisters in Christ?

2) **Unity Comes from God’s** (v. 2) *“It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!”*

[Eph. 4:3; Phil. 2:2-3; Romans 16; 1 Cor. 13:4-7; Exod. 30:22-23; Luke 4:16-21; 1 John 2:27; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-13]

- Unity comes down abundantly from God and is so precious that we must strive to pursue maintaining it for the glory of Christ by following His example- loving others sacrificially.

C. What are some ways you are actively and sacrificially cultivating unity within the body at The Grove? What scriptures encourage you to pursue this?



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D. What is one area of preference (ex: style of worship music) you need to be careful not to elevate and let it become a source of strife and disunity?

3) **Unity is a Life-Giving Blessing from God** (v. 3) *"It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore."*

[Hebrews 12:22; Rom. 15:5; 1 John 1:3; 1 John 4:10-11]

- Unity creates and fosters a life-giving environment. The church reveals this life-giving atmosphere to the dark and dying world around us.

E. To experience the fullness of unity with others, we must first and foremost pursue relationship with God above all else. In what relationship(s) in your life could this priority be out of order?

F. The world is full of bitterness and selfishness. Is there a relationship in your life that needs reconciliation so that you can experience the blessing of unity? What will you do to move towards forgiveness and repentance so that this relationship will reflect the life only Jesus offers?
